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Dear Senator Gorton:

I am replying to your June 21st letter which forwarded correspondence from your constituent,            had written regarding Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat captured by the Soviet Army in Budapest in 1945.

The President, the Department of State, and Congress share a deep concern about the fate of Mr. Wallenberg. We continue to work closely with the Swedish Government to investigate reports alleging that Mr. Wallenberg is still alive. Thus far, we have been unable to substantiate this information. Nevertheless, we will maintain a cooperative effort with the Swedish Government and other interested parties to seek information that will clarify the fate of this brave man.

United States officials have raised the question of Raoul Wallenberg's fate with Soviet representatives repeatedly in our bilateral human rights dialogue with the Soviet Union and during the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) Review Meeting in Vienna which concluded in January. We intend to keep raising his case in all appropriate fora until a satisfactory response is received.

We recognize that, so far, the case of Raoul Wallenberg has not benefited from glasnost. It is our hope that the positive internal changes within the Soviet Union we have witnessed in the past three years will continue and lead to a resolution of the many outstanding questions about Raoul Wallenberg. We certainly hope that if Raoul Wallenberg is still alive our efforts will bear fruit while he is still able to return to his loved ones and friends.

Please be assured that this Administration will continue the efforts of previous administrations to urge the Soviet Government to clarify the fate of this heroic man.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable  
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United States Senate.

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